REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006. Claims 1-38 are pending and claims 1, 9, 13, 25, and 34 have been amended, and claims 2, 11, 14, 23, 26, 35, 37, and 38 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-13, 15-18, 20-22, 24-25, 27-30, 32-34, and 36 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 13, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for filing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states: "[t]he claims feature the language 'scheme://servername/.../basedir;parameters/subdir/.../file.extention.' The '...' within the phrase is indefinite and allows for an infinite number of possibilities. "

Applicant has amended claims 1, 13, and 25 such that this language has been deleted. Thus, the Examiner's rejection is moot.

Claims 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent number 5,708,780 to Levergood et al. (Levergood).

Claims 37 and 38 have been canceled. The Examiner's rejection is thus moot.

Claims 1-6, 8-18, 20-30 and 32-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levergood in view of the FileNet Functionality Sheet. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In a network address translation (NAT) environment, the client address apparent to the first server differs from the client address apparent to the second server, such as

when the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is used. The invention, as recited in amended independent claims 1, 13, and 25, addresses the problem of restricting access in such an environment by the use of transfer tickets in combination with URL requests. In response to receiving a URL request from the client, the first server determines if the use of the client has been granted authorization to access the file. The first server generates the transfer ticket to the client that includes an identifier identifying the particular file on the second server if the user has been granted authorization access. The transfer ticket is not bound to the client address apparent to the first server. In response to receiving the transfer request from the client, the second server redirects the client back to itself with a URL ticket that is bound to the client address apparent to the second server. When the second server receives the URL ticket from the client, it verifies the URL ticket and returns the file. In this manner, it is ensured that only the client that was issued the URL ticket can use the URL ticket to access the file, even though the client address apparent to the first and second servers are different.

It is believed that Levergood fails to disclose any functionality for operating with NAT. This functionality is provided by the invention as claimed through the use of a transfer ticket in combination with the URL ticket, which is a limitation that a combination of Levergood and FileNet fail to teach or suggest.

The arguments above apply with full force and effect to the remaining dependent claims because they are based on allowable independent claims. Therefore, the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-13, 15-18, 20-

22, 24-25, 27-30, 32-34, and 36 are allowable over the cited references. Because the secondary references stand or fall with the primary references, claims are allowable because they are dependent upon the allowable independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to issue of the claims as now presented.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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